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Mr. RODINO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

## A BILL

To establish a National Resource Information System, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That this Act, divided into titles and sections in accordance  
4       with the following table of contents, may be cited as the  
5       “Natural Resource Information Act”.

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1 FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

2 SEC. 2. (a) The Congress finds that—

3 (1) natural resources for industry and agriculture  
4 and the management of such natural resources are of  
5 overriding national importance for the public health,  
6 safety, and welfare, and the national security of the  
7 United States;

8 (2) some natural resources and their products are  
9 in short supply, resulting in or threatening inconven-  
10 ience, hardship, and higher prices for consumers;

11 (3) it is likely that unless intelligent planning can  
12 be implemented the impact of national scarcity will be-  
13 come increasingly severe;

14 (4) to combat scarcity in supply vigorous efforts  
15 must be made to enhance the understanding of how the  
16 Nation produces, transforms, distributes, and consumes  
17 major industrial and agricultural commodities;

18 (5) scores of separate offices, bureaus, commissions,  
19 and administrations of the Federal Government are en-  
20 gaged in commodity inventory programs and activities,  
21 frequently with little or no coordination; and

22 (6) understanding of shortages and the formulation  
23 and management of policy are severely hampered by  
24 the immensity and wide dispersion of existing public

1 information, as well as important inconsistencies and  
2 deficiencies in public information.

3 (b) It is the purpose of this Act to —

4 (1) provide for the improved collection, organiza-  
5 tion, standardization, coordination, and dissemination of  
6 information regarding supplies of major raw materials  
7 essential to industry and agriculture by establishing a  
8 National Resource Information System;

9 (2) provide for regular, uniform reporting by all  
10 significant business entities operating in industry and  
11 agriculture of certain information pertaining to their  
12 operations and regarding the reserves and natural re-  
13 sources they control;

14 (3) provide policymakers, public regulators, law  
15 enforcement officials, industry, and the general public,  
16 through such reporting, with information that will aid—

17 (A) in developing sound national policies for  
18 meeting the Nation's industrial and agricultural  
19 needs,

20 (B) in conserving natural resources through  
21 wise management of their use,

22 (C) in stimulating the progress of research  
23 and the development of technology aimed at im-  
24 proving the quality of life,

1 (D) in protecting the environment against  
2 pollution,

3 (E) in combating inflation, and

4 (F) in better operation of regulatory systems  
5 and the competitive free enterprise system in those  
6 areas of the economy where any or a combination  
7 of such systems is relied upon to protect the public  
8 interest.

9 DEFINITIONS

10 SEC. 3. As used in this Act—

11 (1) The term “natural resources” includes all minerals  
12 and agricultural commodities.

13 (2) The term “natural resources industries” means the  
14 following lines of commerce: (1) extraction and production  
15 of natural resources; (ii) refining or otherwise processing  
16 natural resources for use in industry and agriculture; (iii)  
17 transportation or transmission of natural resources by rail,  
18 air, motor vehicle, water, or pipeline; and (iv) wholesale  
19 or retail distribution and sale of natural resources.

20 (3) The term “agricultural commodities” includes agri-  
21 cultural, horticultural, viticultural, and dairy products, live-  
22 stock and poultry, bees, forest products, fish, and shellfish.

23 (4) The term “industry” means any branch of trade or

1 business which is a substantial user, producer, or transporter  
2 of a resource.

3 (5) The term "industrial commodities" includes all raw  
4 materials that have been changed from their natural or orig-  
5 inal state by processing or manufacture.

6 (6) The term "mineral" is any naturally occurring sub-  
7 stance that is neither vegetable nor animal and is used in in-  
8 dustry.

9 (7) The term "mineral reserve" means a natural de-  
10 posit or body of identified, unextracted mineral or mineral  
11 ore, of either a proved or probable quantity.

12 (8) The term "major natural resource company" means  
13 a corporation which, alone or with its affiliates, is involved  
14 in business activities in one or more of the natural resource  
15 industries or which consumes significant amounts of natural  
16 resources. Major natural resource companies shall be desig-  
17 nated by the Administrator so that the collection of natural  
18 resource information pertaining to a particular natural re-  
19 source industry, to a business activity related to a natural re-  
20 source industry, or to the consumption of natural resources,  
21 shall provide a statistically accurate profile of that industry,  
22 activity, or consumption.

23 (9) The term "substantial resource company" means a  
24 corporation which, alone with its affiliates, controls signifi-  
25 cant natural resources. Substantial energy resource companies

1 shall be designated by the Director in order that the col-  
2 lection of natural resource information shall provide a statis-  
3 tically accurate profile of those resources.

4 (10) The term "information" means any statistic, ✓  
5 datum, fact, or item of knowledge, and all combinations  
6 thereof, concerning any of the subjects defined in the fore-  
7 going subsections of this section.

8 (11) The term "library" means any place or facility,  
9 conventional or electronic, for the organized collection, stor-  
10 age, and retrieval of information.

11 (12) The term "affiliate" means an individual, partner-  
12 ship, or corporation which controls, is controlled by, or is  
13 under common control with one or more other individuals,  
14 partnerships, or corporations.

15 (13) The term "control" means, in the case of a business  
16 establishment, the ability to determine its business policy,  
17 including but not limited to such ability based on ownership,  
18 contract, agreement, or a combination thereof. In the case of  
19 a mineral reserve or agricultural commodity, "control" means  
20 the ability to determine, alone or with others, whether, when,  
21 and how such reserve or commodity will be extracted, devel-  
22 oped, or traded including but not limited to such ability based  
23 on ownership of the fee in or a lease of land or submerged  
24 land, on a combination of ownership and lease, or on any con-  
25 tract or agreement.

1       (14) The term “Bureau” means the Bureau of Natural  
2   Resource Information established by this Act.

(15) The term "Director" means the Director of Natural Resource Information, head of such Bureau, or his delegate.

5       (16) The term "System" means the National Re-  
6 source Information System established within the Bureau  
7 by this Act.

(17) The term “commerce” and “corporation” have the meanings set forth in section 44 of title 15, United States Code.

11           (18) The term "establishment" and "Standard Indus-  
12   trial Classification" (or the abbreviation thereof, "SIC")  
13   have the same meanings as in the Standard Industrial Clas-  
14   sification Manual 1972 prepared by the Statistical Policy Di-  
15   vision, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office  
16   of the President.

17       (19) The term “company”, unless the context other-  
18 wise clearly requires, has the same meaning as “company”  
19 and “enterprise” as used in the Standard Industrial Classifi-  
20 cation Manual 1972 and in the related Standard Enterprise  
21 Classification.

22 TITLE I—BUREAU OF NATURAL RESOURCE  
23 INFORMATION

## 24 ADDITIONAL DEFINITION

25 SEC. 101. As used in this title and title II, the term

1 ESTABLISHMENT OF BUREAU

2 SEC. 102. There is established as a bureau within the  
3 Department of Commerce to be known as the Bureau of  
4 National Resource Information. The Bureau shall be a main  
5 line component of the Social and Economic Statistics Ad-  
6 ministration, coequal therein with the Bureau of the Census,  
7 and shall be subject to the supervision and control of the  
8 Secretary.

9 FUNCTIONS OF SECRETARY; DELEGATION

10 SEC. 103. The Secretary shall perform the functions  
11 and duties conferred upon the Bureau by this title or he may  
12 delegate any of them to such officers, employees, bureaus,  
13 or agencies of the Department of Commerce as he desig-  
14 nates.

15 DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL RESOURCE INFORMATION; DUTIES

16 SEC. 104. The Bureau shall be headed by a Director of  
17 National Resource Information, who, as a result of his train-  
18 ing, experience, and attainments, is well qualified for this  
19 position. The Director shall be appointed by the President,  
20 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Di-  
21 rector shall perform such duties as may be imposed upon him  
22 by law, regulations, or orders of the Secretary.

23 SEAL

24 SEC. 105. The Bureau shall have a seal containing such  
25 device as the Secretary may select. A description of the seal

1 with an impression thereof shall be filed in the Office of the  
2 Secretary of State. The seal shall remain in the custody of the  
3 Secretary or such officer or employee of the Bureau as he  
4 designates, and shall be affixed to all certificates and attesta-  
5 tions that may be required from the Bureau. Judicial notice  
6 shall be taken of the seal.

7           FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE BUREAU

8       SEC. 106. (a) The principal function of the Bureau shall  
9 be to operate, maintain, and improve the National Resource  
10 Information System established by title II of this Act.

11       (b) In carrying out the functions of the Bureau, the  
12 Secretary shall have and exercise powers and shall follow  
13 procedures similar to those which govern him in carrying  
14 out the functions of the Bureau of the Census under the fol-  
15 lowing sections of title 13, United States Code:

16           Section 5: Schedules; number, form, and scope of  
17 inquiries.

18           Section 6: Requests to other departments and of-  
19 fices for information; acquisition of reports from gov-  
20 ernmental and other sources.

21           Section 7: Printing; requisitions upon Public  
22 Printer; publication of bulletins and reports.

23           Section 12: Mechanical and electronic develop-  
24 ment.

25           Section 13: Procurement of professional services.

1           Section 23: Additional officers and employees.

2           Section 24: Special employment provisions.

3           Section 26: Transportation by contract.

4                       WORK PRIORITIES OF THE BUREAU

5       SEC. 107. The following described tasks shall be per-  
6       formed by the Director within the time periods and in the  
7       order or approximate order of priority listed:

8       (a) As promptly as possible, and during the first year  
9       after the effective date of this Act, the Director shall—

10           (1) Employ or by other means authorized by this  
11       Act acquire the services of the expert administrative,  
12       technical, professional, and clerical personnel requisite to  
13       the carrying out of the functions of the Bureau.

14           (2) Acquire by purchase, lease, contract with other  
15       bureaus or agencies of the Department of Commerce or  
16       other departments or agencies of the Federal Govern-  
17       ment, or by such other methods lawfully available to  
18       him and most efficient, the office space, electronic equip-  
19       ment, microform equipment, conventional and other li-  
20       brary facilities, communications facilities, and all other  
21       things requisite to the establishment, maintenance, and  
22       operation of the System established by title II of this  
23       Act.

24           (3) Promulgate and print forms for the making of  
25       the reports required under this Act.

1           (4) Assemble lists of major natural resource com-  
2       panies and substantial natural resource companies and  
3       other companies, agencies, institutions, and associations  
4       required to report under this Act and mail to them the  
5       forms mentioned in paragraph (3).

6           (5) Initiate the consultation and liaison arrange-  
7       ments listed in subsection (b) and begin the studies de-  
8       scribed in subsection (c).

9       (b) The Director shall promptly establish consultation,  
10      liaison, and exchange agreements with—

11           (1) all departments and agencies of the Federal  
12      Government,

13           (2) selected departments and agencies of the gov-  
14      ernment of the several States and their respective sub-  
15      divisions,

16           (3) selected universities and foundations, and

17           (4) selected corporations and business associations—  
18      that are in any significant way engaged in the maintenance  
19      of libraries of natural resource information.

20       (c) It shall be the duty of the Director to conduct  
21      studies which will identify and describe the types, levels of  
22      detail, and levels of accuracy of the statistical information to  
23      be included in each of the components of the System de-  
24      scribed in section 202 in order to provide a description  
25      adequate for the purposes of public policy of the systems,

1 companies, and other institutions or groups involved in the  
2 production, distribution, and consumption of raw materials.

3 The studies shall consider but not be limited to—

4 (1) the institutional structure of the energy supply  
5 system, including patterns of ownership and control of  
6 the production, movement, and marketing of natural  
7 resources;

8 (2) the consumption of natural resources, by such  
9 classes, sectors, and regions as the Director shall  
10 provide;

11 (3) the sensitivity of production and consumption  
12 to unit costs, environmental constraints, technological  
13 improvements, and substitution for alternate natural re-  
14 sources;

15 (4) the capital requirements of the public and pri-  
16 vate institutions and establishments responsible for the  
17 production and distribution of raw materials;

18 (5) the methods of comparing and reconciling sta-  
19 tistics that are collected by different sources, systems,  
20 and methods.

21 (d) It shall be the duty of the Director from time to  
22 time, to the extent that personnel and funds are available,  
23 to conduct or contract for such other special studies, reviews,  
24 and investigations of natural resource information as may be  
25 suggested to him by the Congress or the Executive as appro-

1 piate for study and investigation by the Bureau in pursuit  
2 of the purposes of this Act.

3 (e) It shall also be the duty of the Director to make  
4 periodic reports to the Congress and the public, including  
5 but not limited to—

6 (1) a monthly report showing production, move-  
7 ment, prices, and consumption of raw materials, or-  
8 ganized and cross-referenced by sources of the raw ma-  
9 terials; by regions, States, and other geographical areas  
10 and by significant consuming sectors; and by such other  
11 organizational arrangements as may be determined by  
12 the Director;

13 (2) a quarterly report indicating trends in the pro-  
14 duction, distribution, and consumption of natural re-  
15 sources organized in a manner consistent with subsec-  
16 tion (e) (1) ; and

17 (3) an annual report which includes, but is not lim-  
18 ited to, a description of the activities of the Bureau and  
19 the System during the preceding year, a summary of all  
20 special reports published and the statistical information  
21 collected during the year, putting such information into  
22 the context of historical and projected production and  
23 consumption of natural resources, and recommendations  
24 to Congress of such additional authority as the Bureau

1 considers necessary to assist in carrying out the pur-  
2 poses of this Act.

3 TITLE II—NATIONAL RESOURCE INFORMATION  
4 SYSTEM

5 ESTABLISHMENT OF SYSTEM

6 SEC. 201. There is established a National Resource In-  
7 formation System, which shall be operated and maintained  
8 by the Bureau.

9 COMPONENTS OF SYSTEM

10 SEC. 202. The components of the System shall be—

11 (1) a public library of natural resource information  
12 for public use (hereinafter referred to as the “public  
13 library”);

14 (2) a confidential library of natural resource infor-  
15 mation for restricted governmental use (hereinafter re-  
16 ferred to as the “confidential library”); and

17 (3) a secret library of natural resource information  
18 for use only in preparing anonymous statistics (herein-  
19 after referred to as the “secret library”).

20 CHARACTERISTICS OF SYSTEM

21 SEC. 203. To the utmost extent practicable, the System  
22 shall—

23 (1) Contain a complete and thorough guide and in-  
24 dex to other existing libraries of natural resource infor-

1       mation, both conventional and electronic, public and  
2       private.

3           (2) Contain, in one of its own libraries, or have ac-  
4       cess to, the natural resource information necessary to  
5       carry out the purposes of this Act.

6           (3) Be organized, indexed, and cross-referenced on  
7       the basis of establishments, by company or other affilia-  
8       tion or ownership, by particular geographic location, by  
9       standard industrial classification, by sources of natural  
10      resources, by significant consuming sectors and by such  
11      other organizational arrangements as may be determined  
12      by the Director.

13          (4) Utilize modern information storage, retrieval,  
14      and processing systems and technologies, including but  
15      not limited to microform and electronic data processing  
16      systems.

17          (5) Have the capability to receive from those en-  
18      titled to access to each of the three libraries questions  
19      of fact pertaining to resources and resource industries  
20      and to provide answers to such questions, including, if  
21      necessary, comparisons of representative sources of in-  
22      formation.

23      THE PUBLIC LIBRARY; PURPOSES, CONTENTS, ACCESS, FEES

24      SEC. 204. (a) The purposes of the public library are to  
25      make available to the general public promptly and conven-

1 iently as much of the information in the System as can be re-  
2 leased consistently with national security and reasonable com-  
3 petitive equities, and thereby to serve all the general public  
4 purposes set forth in section 2 (b) (4) of this Act.

5 (b) The Director shall place in the public library all  
6 information which he obtains from reports, documents, and  
7 other sources in the public domain. In addition, the Director  
8 shall place in the public library all other information he  
9 receives or obtains under authority of this Act except in-  
10 formation for which provision is expressly made in this Act  
11 or in regulations consistent herewith for placement in the con-  
12 fidential library or the secret library.

13 (c) The public shall have unlimited access to and use  
14 of the information in the public library under such regula-  
15 tions and at such fees as the Director shall prescribe. The  
16 Director shall endeavor to establish fee schedules which  
17 cover or approach covering the costs of public use of the Sys-  
18 tem, including use in the form of direct connections to the  
19 electronic facilities of the public library and purchase of  
20 electronic tapes officially copied from the public library; but  
21 the regulations may, in the Director's discretion, provide for  
22 reduction or waiver of fees in the case of scholars, nonprofit  
23 organizations, and others whose use of the public library is  
24 determined by the Director to be likely to enhance the Sys-

1 tem by making useful new inputs to the System, or other-  
2 wise to be in the public interest.

3 THE CONFIDENTIAL LIBRARY ; PURPOSES, CONTENTS,

4 ACCESS

5 SEC. 205. (a) The purposes of the confidential library  
6 are to make available to those persons having access thereto,  
7 identified in subsection (c), information in the System of  
8 the type described in subsection (b), and thereby to serve  
9 all the general public purposes set forth in section 2 (b) (4)  
10 of this Act.

11 (b) The Director shall place in the confidential library  
12 all information obtained under authority of this Act (1)  
13 which was not previously or otherwise available in the public  
14 domain, (2) which it would be inconsistent with the national  
15 security or reasonable competitive equities to make avail-  
16 able to the general public, and (3) which does not qualify  
17 for placement in the secret library under provisions of this  
18 Act and regulations consistent herewith.

19 (c) Access to the confidential library shall be limited  
20 to officers and employees of the executive, legislative, and  
21 judicial branches and the independent regulatory agencies  
22 of the Federal Government having official use for the informa-  
23 tion they obtain or seek to obtain therefrom, except that any  
24 individual or establishment may have access to any informa-  
25 tion in such library for which he or it was the source. The

1 Director shall by regulation establish procedures whereby  
2 those seeking access to the confidential library may identify  
3 themselves, the information they seek, and their right thereto  
4 under this subsection.

5 THE SECRET LIBRARY; PURPOSES, CONTENTS, ACCESS

6 SEC. 206. (a) The purpose of the secret library is to  
7 provide a repository for information of the type described  
8 in subsection (b) and thereby to serve the Nation's need  
9 for accurate statistical information on reserves, resources, and  
10 resource industries, without serving the other public pur-  
11 poses of this Act which require wider access to the informa-  
12 tion.

13 (b) The Director shall place in the secret library in-  
14 formation obtained under authority of this Act for which  
15 either the national security or reasonable competitive equities  
16 require that the information be wholly suppressed or be  
17 published only in statistical aggregations of a size and type  
18 sufficient to prevent any person from learning or inferring  
19 the data furnished by any particular establishment or indi-  
20 vidual. Except as provided in section 208 (e) of this Act, all  
21 information received by the Director for which the sole  
22 source was and remains a report filed with the Bureau of  
23 the Census or any other Federal department or agency,  
24 before the effective date of this Act, and under a guarantee

1 of confidentiality given under authority of statute, shall be  
2 placed and retained in the secret library.

3 (c) Only the sworn officers and employees of the  
4 Bureau, or other employees of the Department of Com-  
5 merce expressly designated by the Secretary for purposes  
6 and under procedures and safeguards that apply to informa-  
7 tion described in title 13, United States Code, section 9,  
8 shall have access to information in the secret library, except  
9 that any individual or establishment may have access to  
10 any information in such library for which he or it was the  
11 source.

12 PRIORITIES FOR ENTRY OF INFORMATION INTO THE  
13 SYSTEM

14 SEC. 207. (a) Natural resource information of the types  
15 described in this section shall be entered into the several  
16 libraries of the System by the Director in the order or ap-  
17 proximate order of priority indicated. The Director shall  
18 enter, amplify, and amend all data mentioned in subsections  
19 (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) on a current basis as promptly  
20 as possible after information is received.

21 (b) The Director shall establish and maintain in the  
22 public library of the System a complete index and guide  
23 to all collectors and sources of natural resources information  
24 which he identifies and with which he is authorized or di-  
25 rected to establish any kind of consultation, liaison, and ex-

1 change arrangements pursuant to section 107 (b) . This index  
2 shall be known as the natural resource information library  
3 index.

4 (c) The Director shall establish and maintain in the  
5 public library of the System a complete index and guide  
6 to every major natural resource company and substantial  
7 natural resource company which he identifies and from which  
8 he is authorized and directed to obtain reports pursuant to  
9 titles IV and V of this Act. This index shall be known as the  
10 index of principal natural resource companies. Data on indi-  
11 vidual companies in this index shall include but not be limited  
12 to (1) company name; (2) mailing address and telephone  
13 number of headquarters office; (3) the name of the State  
14 or country under the laws of which the company is incor-  
15 porated or otherwise organized; (4) the name of each State  
16 of the United States and each country of the world in which  
17 the company operates any establishments; and (5) for  
18 each of such States or countries in which any of such es-  
19 tablishments are engaged in any of the natural resource in-  
20 dustries, the SIC numbers and names of such industries. The  
21 Secretary or the Director, by regulation, shall establish what  
22 other information is to be included in the index of principal  
23 energy companies.

24 (d) The Director shall enter into the System, promptly  
25 upon receipt, full-text machine-readable copies of every report

1 required by this Act to be filed with the Director. Such re-  
2 ports shall be filed in the public library of the System unless,  
3 by this Act or regulations consistent with it, all or any portion  
4 of a report is required to be filed in either the confidential or  
5 the secret library, in which case such report or portion  
6 thereof shall be so filed. To the utmost extent consistent with  
7 the national security and reasonable competitive equities,  
8 there shall be entered into the public or confidential library,  
9 as appropriate, an index and summary of the portions of such  
10 reports filed in the confidential and secret libraries.

11 (e) The Director shall enter into the public library of  
12 the System, promptly upon publication, full-text machine-  
13 readable copies of every report that is published by the  
14 Bureau. In the event that any report made by the Bureau  
15 is not published, a full-text machine-readable copy thereof  
16 shall be entered into the public, the confidential, or the secret  
17 library of the System, as the Director determines the nature  
18 of the report to require. To the utmost extent consistent with  
19 the national security and reasonable competitive equities,  
20 there shall be entered into the public or confidential library,  
21 as appropriate, an index and summary of the portion or  
22 texts of such reports filed in the confidential and secret  
23 libraries.

24 (f) The Director shall establish and maintain in the  
25 System a complete index and guide to every significant

1 establishment which he can identify as engaged in natural  
2 resource industries. This index shall be known as the index  
3 of natural resource establishments. Priority shall be given to  
4 entry of data on the establishments of major natural resource  
5 companies and substantial natural resource companies, but  
6 the index shall not be limited to such establishments. The  
7 contents of this index shall be divided among the public, the  
8 confidential and the secret libraries of the System as else-  
9 where provided in this Act or in regulations consistent with  
10 the Act which the Secretary or Director shall promulgate.

11 STANDARDS FOR ENTRY OF INFORMATION INTO THE PUB-  
12 LIC, CONFIDENTIAL, AND SECRET LIBRARIES; NA-  
13 TIONAL SECURITY AND REASONABLE COMPETITIVE  
14 EQUITIES; PROVISION FOR HEARINGS

15 SEC. 208. (a) In general, natural resource information  
16 received by the Director shall be entered into the public li-  
17 brary of the System, but information shall be placed in the  
18 confidential or secret libraries to the extent required by con-  
19 siderations of national security or reasonable competitive  
20 equities, or when express provision is made in this Act for  
21 such placement.

22 (b) In general, natural resource information shall not  
23 be placed or retained in either the confidential or secret li-  
24 braries of the System on the grounds of national security  
25 considerations, unless the transfer of such information from

1 the secret to the confidential or public libraries, or from the  
2 confidential to the public library, would directly and ad-  
3 versely affect the military and naval defenses of the United  
4 States against actual or potential foreign enemies.

5 (c) In general, natural resource information pertaining  
6 to a particular and identified company or establishment shall  
7 be placed in the confidential library, but such information  
8 may be placed in or transferred to the public library upon  
9 a showing to and determination by the Director that no rea-  
10 sonable competitive equities of the company or establish-  
11 ment would be adversely affected. Such information shall be  
12 placed in or transferred to the secret library for the reason  
13 stated in the last sentence of section 206 (b), or upon a  
14 showing by any such company or establishment to the Di-  
15 rector, and determination by the Director, that its reason-  
16 able competitive equities would be adversely affected by  
17 placement of such information in any library other than  
18 the secret library.

19 (d) In general, the Director shall find that no com-  
20 pany or establishment has any reasonable competitive equi-  
21 ties which require or justify placement or retention of  
22 its individual and identified information in any library other  
23 than the public library of the System when he determines  
24 that—

25 (1) the information in question pertains to a seg-

1       ment of the properties or business of the company or  
2       establishment involving assets of \$25,000,000 or more,  
3       or business receipts of \$25,000,000 a year or more, or  
4       both such assets and receipts; and

5           (2) the nature and extent of itemization or detail  
6       of the information in question is substantially similar to  
7       or not substantially greater than the itemization or de-  
8       tail that would normally be included in or inferable from  
9       a public annual report filed with the Securities and  
10      Exchange Commission under section 13 or 15 (d) of the  
11      Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by a hypothetical  
12      registered company which had, as its sole business  
13      property and operations, property and operations iden-  
14      tical to the property and operations of the segment of  
15      the company or establishment in question.

16   The Director, in consultation with any company from which  
17   he has obtained information about two or more establish-  
18   ments which do not individually meet the tests of the  
19   preceding sentence (and which individual-establishment in-  
20   formation will therefore be placed or retained in the confiden-  
21   tial or secret library), may aggregate the information from  
22   such establishments into company segments that are of a  
23   size to meet the tests of the preceding sentence, and may  
24   transfer to the public library such aggregated information  
25   with an identification of the company and the establishments

1 included in each such segment. In preparing such informa-  
2 tion and defining such segments for public disclosure, the  
3 Director shall follow and use the organization and profit-  
4 center accounting of the company in question, unless he is  
5 shown and determines that good cause exists for departing  
6 from such company organization and accounting.

7 (e) In general, the Director shall place in or transfer  
8 to the public library any information which otherwise would  
9 be placed or retained in either the confidential or the secret  
10 library when the information is twenty-five years old, and,  
11 notwithstanding contrary provisions of this Act or any earlier  
12 law, such transfers may be made of information referred to  
13 in the last sentence of section 206 (b): *Provided*, That,  
14 upon request and after a hearing as provided in subsection  
15 (g), the Director may order that certain information shall  
16 be retained in either the confidential or secret library until  
17 it has attained a greater age than twenty-five years, if he  
18 is shown and determines that substantial risk to the national  
19 security or unreasonable competitive harm to a private com-  
20 pany would result from placing such information in the con-  
21 fidential library rather than the secret library, or in the public  
22 library rather than the confidential library.

23 (f) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Act  
24 or any earlier law, the Director shall immediately place in  
25 or transfer to the public library of the System any informa-

1 tion, otherwise entitled to be placed or retained in the con-  
2 fidential or secret library, upon being shown or determining  
3 that such information has already come into the public do-  
4 main by any other means whatsoever.

5 (g) The Secretary or the Director, by regulation, shall  
6 provide for formal hearings on any question or dispute con-  
7 cerning the entry of information into or removal of informa-  
8 tion from either the confidential or secret library, and such  
9 hearings shall be open to the public except that a private  
10 formal hearing may be conducted when the Director deter-  
11 mines that reasonable competitive equities or the national  
12 security so require.

13 UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURES; THEFT OF INFORMATION;  
14 PENALTIES

15 SEC. 209. (a) Any employee of the Bureau or other  
16 employee referred to in subchapter II of chapter 1 of title  
17 13, United States Code, who, having taken and subscribed  
18 the oath of office, publishes or communicates, without the  
19 written authority of the Secretary or the Director, any  
20 information coming into his possession by reason of his  
21 employment from or for entry in the confidential library  
22 or the secret library of the System, shall be fined not more  
23 than \$2,000 or imprisoned not more than two years, or  
24 both. The Secretary or the Director may by regulation  
25 prescribe standards for the exchange and communication

1 of information from the confidential and the secret libraries,  
2 which standards, when followed, shall constitute the writ-  
3 ten authority referred to in this subsection.

4 (b) Any officer or employee of the United States,  
5 other than employees referred to in subsection (a), who,  
6 having obtained by reason of his employment and for  
7 official use, any information from the confidential library  
8 of the System, publishes or communicates such information  
9 for reasons not authorized by or in connection with such  
10 official use, shall be fined not more than \$2,000 or imprisoned  
11 not more than two years, or both.

12 (c) Any person who, to avoid payment of fees or to  
13 obtain information to which he is not entitled under this  
14 Act, steals or intercepts electronically stored or transmitted  
15 information, or other information contained in the System  
16 by any conventional, mechanical, or electronic means, shall  
17 be fined not more than \$2,000 or imprisoned not more than  
18 two years, or both.

19 (d) When any of the offenses referred to in subsections  
20 (a), (b), and (c) are committed with the intent to harm  
21 the national security of the United States, or to impair or  
22 diminish the reasonable competitive equities of any company  
23 or establishment, or to invade rights of privacy recognized  
24 and protected by law, the fine may be increased to not more

1 than \$20,000, or the imprisonment to not more than twenty  
2 years, or both.

3 (e) No offense consisting solely of the unauthorized or  
4 wrongful use or disclosure of information obtained from the  
5 National Resource Information System shall be punished  
6 criminally under any Federal statute other than this section.

7 REFUSAL OR NEGLECT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION;

8 PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION

9 SEC. 210. Whoever, being the owner, official, agent,  
10 person in charge, or assistant to the person in charge, of any  
11 company, business, institution, establishment, or organiza-  
12 tion of any nature whatsoever, neglects or refuses, when re-  
13 quested by the Secretary or Director or other authorized  
14 officer or employee of the Department of Commerce or bu-  
15 reau or agency thereof, whether such request be made by  
16 registered mail, by certified mail, by telegraph, by visiting  
17 representative, or by one or more of these methods, to answer  
18 completely and correctly to the best of his knowledge all  
19 questions relating to his company, business, institution, estab-  
20 lishment, or other organization, or to records or statistics in  
21 his official custody, contained on any report form or schedule  
22 prepared and submitted to him under the authority of this  
23 Act, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not  
24 more than one year or both; and if he willfully gives a false

1 answer to any such question, he shall be fined not more than  
2 \$20,000 or imprisoned not more than two years or both.

3 INSPECTIONS OF RECORDS; SUBPENAS; ENFORCEMENT OF  
4 SUBPENAS

5 SEC. 211. (a) The Secretary, the Director, or any of-  
6 ficer or employee of the Department of Commerce desig-  
7 nated by them or either of them shall have access to any  
8 books, documents, papers, statistics, data, information, and  
9 records of any company, business, institution, establishment,  
10 or organization of any nature whatsoever, where the pur-  
11 pose of such access is to obtain or verify natural resource  
12 information which they are authorized by this Act to obtain.

13 (b) Whenever they are or either of them is authorized  
14 by this Act to obtain or verify any energy information from  
15 any company or establishment, the Secretary, the Director  
16 or the delegate of either may, in his discretion, obtain such  
17 natural resource information from an affiliate of any such es-  
18 tablishment, or from an association or organization of com-  
19 panies, of which any such company is a member, in the in-  
20 terests of efficiency, the reduction of costs or avoidance of  
21 duplicated effort for either the Bureau or the company or  
22 establishment, or speed in obtaining natural resource infor-  
23 mation. Whenever natural resource information supplied by a  
24 company or establishment is so obtained by the Secretary,

1 Director, or delegate of either, from an affiliate, organization,  
2 or association, the company or establishment to which such  
3 information pertains shall be promptly notified of the natural  
4 resource information so obtained and shall be given an oppor-  
5 tunity to correct or amplify such information.

6 (c) To assist in carrying out his responsibilities to col-  
7 lect natural resource information, the Director may sign and  
8 issue subpoenas requiring the production of the books, docu-  
9 ments, papers, statistics, data, information, and records re-  
10 ferred to in subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

11 (d) In case of disobedience to a subpoena issued under  
12 subsection (c), the Director may invoke the aid of any  
13 district court of the United States in requiring the produc-  
14 tion of the books, documents, papers, statistics, data, infor-  
15 mation, and records referred to in subsection (c) of this sec-  
16 tion. Any district court of the United States within the juris-  
17 diction of which the company, business, institution, estab-  
18 lishment, association, or organization is found or transacts  
19 business may, in case of contumacy or refusal to obey a sub-  
20 pena issued by the Director, issue an order requiring the  
21 company, business, institution, establishment, association, or  
22 organization to produce the natural resource information  
23 and the books, documents, papers, statistics, data, informa-  
24 tion, and records containing or pertaining to the same; and

1 any failure to obey such order of the court shall be punished  
2 by the court as a contempt thereof.

3 (e) Natural resource information, of whatever kind or  
4 from whatever source, obtained by the Director under this  
5 section shall be placed in the public library, the confidential  
6 library, or the secret library of the System, in accordance  
7 with the standards set forth in section 208 of this Act:  
8 *Provided*, That, while any dispute exists and has not been  
9 finally resolved by the ultimate administrative or judicial  
10 authority having power to resolve such dispute, concerning  
11 the placement within the libraries of the System of any  
12 natural resource information obtained pursuant to this sec-  
13 tion, such natural resource information shall be placed and  
14 retained in the secret library and used only for the statistical  
15 purposes and subject to the limitations and safeguards set  
16 forth in section 206 of this Act.

17 TITLE—INVENTORIES AND INSPECTIONS BY THE  
18 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

19 ADDITIONAL DEFINITION

20 SEC. 301. As used in this title, "Secretary" means the  
21 Secretary of the Interior.

22 INVENTORY IN THE PUBLIC LANDS

23 SEC. 302. (a) The Secretary shall compile, maintain,  
24 and keep current on not less than an annual basis an in-  
25 ventory of all mineral reserves in the public lands of the  
26 United States, including the Outer Continental Shelf.

1       (b) The inventory shall be compiled, maintained, and  
2 kept current on the basis of the Secretary's best estimates  
3 and, to the utmost extent practicable, on the basis of onsite  
4 geological and engineering testing conducted by personnel  
5 of the Department of the Interior. The first such inventory  
6 shall be completed on or before the expiration of the  
7 eighteen-month period following the effective date of this  
8 title.

9       (c) On or before the expiration of the twenty-month  
10 period following the effective date of this title, the Secretary  
11 of the Interior shall submit a report to the Congress con-  
12 cerning the carrying out of his duties under this title, together  
13 with a copy of such initial inventory so compiled, and shall  
14 thereafter, on not less than an annual basis, submit a report  
15 to the Congress concerning the carrying out of such duties  
16 and shall include as a part of each such report a copy of the  
17 current inventory so compiled for the period covered by the  
18 report.

19       (d) Copies of all such reports and inventories shall be  
20 furnished by the Secretary to the Director for inclusion in  
21 the public library of the System.

22       VERIFICATION OF REPORTED NATURAL RESOURCES IN  
23                               PRIVATE OWNERSHIP

24       SEC. 303. When requested by the Director, the Secre-  
25 tary shall make onsite geological and engineering inspections

1 of any mineral reserves and natural resources required to be  
2 reported under titles IV and V of this Act, to verify the  
3 accuracy and completeness of such reports.

4 CONTENTS OF SECRETARY'S REPORTS

5 SEC. 304. Reports by the Secretary to the Congress and  
6 the Director under section 302, and to the Director under  
7 section 303, shall in all cases be organized to include, but  
8 not be limited to, nature, characteristics, and proved, prob-  
9 able, and speculative quantities of mineral reserves; nature,  
10 characteristics, and approximate fair market value of natural  
11 resources; locations; and information on ownership and con-  
12 trol. Information on ownership and control of natural re-  
13 sources, correlated with locations, shall be so aggregated in  
14 any public reports as not to impair the reasonable competitive  
15 equities of any company or establishment.

16 TITLE IV—INFORMATION ON NATURAL  
17 RESOURCES

18 SUBSTANTIAL NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANIES TO FILE

19 ANNUAL REPORTS

20 SEC. 401. It shall be the duty of every substantial nat-  
21 ural resources company, foreign or domestic, engaged in  
22 commerce to report annually to the Director full and com-  
23 plete details of all natural resources which it, together with  
24 its affiliates, owns or controls anywhere in the world. Such  
25 reports shall be verified, under penalties of section 210 of

1 this Act, by the chief executive officer, chief geological officer,  
2 and chief financial officer of the substantial natural resources  
3 company and shall describe for each natural resource the  
4 identity of each establishment having any ownership or con-  
5 trol of the resource; the location, types, and proved and prob-  
6 able quantities (specifying which) of mineral ores in each  
7 mineral reserve; the location, characteristics, size, and ap-  
8 proximate fair market value of each natural resource; and the  
9 state of development of each.

10 PROMULGATION OF FORMS; TIME LIMITATIONS; DUAL

11 DEFINITION COMPANIES

12 SEC. 402. (a) The Director, by regulation, shall pre-  
13 scribe the forms on which the reports required by section 401  
14 and section 501 shall be made. Such forms shall be drafted  
15 in consultation with the Office of Management and Budget  
16 and such other departments and agencies as either the Office  
17 or the Director may deem requisite. Such forms shall be  
18 drafted not later than four months after the effective date of  
19 this title and shall be approved by the Director of the Office  
20 of Management and Budget, under provisions of title 44,  
21 United States Code, section 3509, as amended by section  
22 703 (d) of this Act, not later than seven months after the  
23 effective date of this title and shall be mailed to all substantial  
24 natural resources companies and companies identified by  
25 the Director not later than eleven months after the effective

1 date of this title. Substantial natural resources companies and  
2 major natural resource companies shall be required to return  
3 such forms within sixty days after receipt thereof from the  
4 Director. Annual reports thereafter shall be due on or before  
5 the first day of May of each year beginning with the year  
6 1976.

7 (b) Whenever the Director determines that any single  
8 company is both a substantial natural resources company and  
9 a major natural resource company, he may, by regulation  
10 and appropriate forms, provide for its filing annual reports,  
11 on the establishment basis, under section 501 only, and waive  
12 the filing of reports under section 401: *Provided, That, in*  
13 such cases, the report forms used shall elicit from each es-  
14 tablishment all the information that would be required of it  
15 under section 401.

16 PLACEMENT OF INFORMATION IN THE SYSTEM

17 SEC. 403. All reports required by this title and title V  
18 to be submitted to the Director by substantial natural re-  
19 sources companies and major natural resource companies  
20 shall be entered by the Director, immediately upon receipt,  
21 into one of the three libraries of the System, as provided in  
22 section 208 and any regulations promulgated thereunder.  
23 When any question or dispute exists whether all or part of  
24 any such report should be entered in the secret library, the  
25 Director shall enter such report into that library, without

1 prejudice to his right to remove it in whole or part to the  
2 confidential library or public library when such question or  
3 dispute has been resolved. In such case, the Director shall  
4 give public notice of the existence of the question or dispute  
5 and shall resolve the same by a public or private formal  
6 hearing pursuant to section 208 (g) .

7 TITLE V—INFORMATION ON THE NATURAL  
8 RESOURCE INDUSTRIES

9 MAJOR NATURAL RESOURCE COMPANIES TO FILE ANNUAL  
10 REPORTS

11 SEC. 501. (a) It shall be the duty of every major nat-  
12 ural resource company, foreign or domestic, engaged in com-  
13 merce, to report annually to the Director on its assets and  
14 operations, worldwide, on an establishment basis. Such re-  
15 ports shall be verified, under penalties of section 210 of this  
16 Act, by the chief executive officer and chief financial officer  
17 of the major energy company.

18 (b) The report forms for each establishment shall be  
19 divided by the Director into two parts. Information reported  
20 in the first part shall be, and be identified on the form as,  
21 information to be entered by the Director into the public  
22 library of the System. Information reported in the second  
23 part shall be, and be identified on the form as, information  
24 to be entered by the Director into the confidential library  
25 of the System, unless the Director is shown and determines

1 that good cause exists to enter all or part of such informa-  
2 tion into the secret library.

3 (c) In the first part of each annual report, each estab-  
4 lishment of a major natural resource company shall include,  
5 for entry into the public library of the System—

6 (1) its name or other description;

7 (2) its actual physical location;

8 (3) its mail address and telephone number;

9 (4) the name of the major natural resource com-  
10 pany of which it is a division or other part or with  
11 which it is affiliated, and the nature of the affiliation;

12 (5) the names, titles, and business mail addresses  
13 and telephone numbers of the officer in charge of the  
14 establishment and the officer or employee responsible  
15 for the preparation of the report;

16 (6) if separately incorporated or otherwise char-  
17 tered, the State or country under the laws of which it is  
18 incorporated or otherwise chartered; and

19 (7) the name and four-digit SIC number of each  
20 industry, which is within the natural resource industries,  
21 in which the establishment is engaged.

22 (d) In the second part of each annual report, each  
23 establishment of a major natural resource company shall  
24 include, for entry into the confidential library (unless the  
25 Director determines that all or portions of the information

1 contained in such part may appropriately be placed in the  
2 secret library) of the System--

3 (1) the quantities and values of its annual ship-  
4 ments or equivalent in each of the SIC four-digit in-  
5 dustries identified by the establishment pursuant to sub-  
6 section (c) (7) ;

7 (2) the name and four-digit SIC number of each  
8 industry, which is not within the natural resource in-  
9 dustries, in which the establishment is engaged;

10 (3) the net annual business receipts of the estab-  
11 lishment as a whole;

12 (4) if the amount reported by the establishment  
13 pursuant to (3) is more than \$10,000,000, an itemiza-  
14 tion of the net annual business receipts of the establish-  
15 ment by names and four-digit SIC numbers of each in-  
16 dustry within the natural resource industries, separately,  
17 and all other industries, collectively;

18 (5) whether or not the establishment is or con-  
19 tains one or more separate profit centers in the com-  
20 pany of which it is a part or with which it is affiliated,  
21 for which separate balance-sheet and profit-and-loss ac-  
22 counts are maintained;

23 (6) if the establishment is not and does not con-  
24 tain a separate profit center, identification of any other  
25 establishment or establishments of the company with

1       which the reporting establishment is grouped to form  
2       a profit center in the company's accounting system;

3           (7) if the establishment is or contains one or more  
4       separate profit centers, information for each such profit  
5       center substantially equivalent to the information which  
6       such profit center would report annually to the Securities  
7       and Exchange Commission pursuant to section 13 or  
8       15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, if  
9       such profit center were an independent registered cor-  
10      poration having no affiliates: *Provided*, That, if the es-  
11      tablishment is not (and does not contain) a separate  
12      profit center, this requirement shall be fulfilled collec-  
13      tively by the group of identified establishments com-  
14      prising a profit center of which the reporting establish-  
15      ment is a part or member; and

16           (8) such other natural resource information as the  
17      Secretary of Commerce or the Director by regulation  
18      may require, as necessary or desirable to serve the pur-  
19      poses of this Act.

20           OTHER REPORTS OF MAJOR NATURAL RESOURCE

21                           COMPANIES

22      SEC. 502. (a) Whenever the Secretary of Commerce or  
23      the Director determines it to be necessary or desirable in  
24      furtherance of the purposes of this Act, the Director, by  
25      regulation or special order, may require major natural re-

1           (1) to report any natural resource information of  
2       the type described in section 501 more often than an-  
3       nually, but not more often than quarterly;

4           (2) to report or provide lists of any or all reports  
5       they file, containing natural resource information, with  
6       any of the classes of authorities or institutions men-  
7       tioned in section 107 (b), identifying each such report  
8       by name, form number if any, frequency or date of fil-  
9       ing, type of natural resource information contained in  
10      the report, whether the report is filed voluntarily or by  
11      mandate, whether or not the public or any department  
12      or agency of the Federal Government has or can have  
13      access to the report (identifying the department or  
14      agency), and such other information as the Director  
15      may require; and

16           (3) to report specially or on a regular, recurring  
17      basis such natural resource information as the Secretary  
18      or the Director by regulation may require—

19           (A) as a result of the recommendations of the  
20      studies conducted or contracted for pursuant to sec-  
21      tion 107 (c) ; or

22           (B) in order to produce the reports described  
23      in section 107 (e) .

24           (b) In general, the Director shall enter all reports re-  
25      ceived pursuant to subsection (a) in the confidential library

26      of the System, but he may enter all reports received pursuant to subsection (b) in the confidential library of the System.

1 or aggregations of data from such reports with individual-  
2 company data disguised, in the public library whenever  
3 he determines that the public interest would be served and  
4 the reasonable competitive equities of a company would  
5 not be impaired.

6 TITLE VI—GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

7 OVERSIGHT

8 REVIEW OF BUREAU'S ACTIVITIES; CONDITIONS,

9 LIMITATIONS

10 SEC. 601. (a) The Comptroller General of the United  
11 States shall review and evaluate the procedures and activities  
12 of the Bureau. Such a review shall include but not be  
13 limited to:

14 (1) a review of the Bureau's natural resources in-  
15 formation gathering procedures to insure that the Bureau  
16 is obtaining all necessary natural resource information  
17 from the appropriate sources to carry out the purposes  
18 of this Act; and

19 (2) a review of the issues that arise or might arise  
20 in the collection of any of the types of natural resource  
21 information listed in titles IV and V, including but not  
22 limited to issues attributable to claims of business es-  
23 tablishments, individuals, or governments that certain  
24 information is proprietary or violative of national security  
25 and therefore entitled to be kept secret.

1 (b) The Comptroller General shall report at least an-  
2 nually to the Congress on the operation and effectiveness  
3 of the Bureau's activities; but, in the Comptroller General's  
4 discretion, such report may be in the form of an endorse-  
5 ment of or addendum to the annual report required of the  
6 Bureau by section 107 (e) (3) of this Act.

7 TITLE VII—CONFORMANCE OF AND WITH  
8 OTHER STATUTES

9 . CENSUS CODE

10 SEC. 701. Whenever any of the information which the  
11 Director is authorized or directed to obtain from any major  
12 natural resource company under this Act is contained in  
13 any report of such company of a kind referred to in title 13,  
14 United States Code, section 9, such report having been filed  
15 prior to the effective date of this Act, the Director may ex-  
16 cuse such company from filing a report with him, containing  
17 the same information, upon the company's agreeing with  
18 the Director in writing to waive the secrecy provisions of  
19 such section of title 13. Upon receipt of such waiver, the  
20 Director may place all or any part of such report referred  
21 to in such section of title 13 in the confidential library or the  
22 public library of the System, pursuant to standards set forth  
23 in section 208 of this Act. Nothing in this section or in any  
24 prior law shall prevent the Director from—

25 (a) entering into the secret library of the System

1 at any time all or any part of any report referred to in  
2 title 13, United States Code, section 9; or

3 (b) obtaining from any major natural resource  
4 company, by way of a new questionnaire or report form  
5 issued under authority of this Act, any natural resource  
6 information that such company may have previously  
7 filed in a report to which the Director cannot have ac-  
8 cess or to which he can have access only for the secret  
9 library of the System.

10 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

11 SEC. 702. Section 552 of title 5, United States Code, is  
12 amended—

13 (a) by striking the semicolon at the end of clause  
14 (4) of subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof: “,  
15 except as provided in subsection (d) ;”;

16 (b) by striking the period at the end of clause (9)  
17 of subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof: “, except  
18 as provided in subsection (d).” ; and

19 (c) by adding at the end of the section a new sub-  
20 section, as follows:

21 “(d) This section shall be construed consistently with  
22 the National Resource Information Act, to serve the purposes  
23 of that Act. Nothing in this section, including but not limited  
24 to the provisions of subsection (b) (4) and (b) (9), shall be  
25 construed to prevent any agency from making available to

1 the Director of National Resource Information any natural  
2 resource information (as defined in that Act) which such  
3 agency possesses, no matter from whom or when obtained.  
4 Pursuant to the standards set forth in the National Resource  
5 Information Act and regulations promulgated thereunder,  
6 and in consultation with the agency providing the informa-  
7 tion, the Director of National Resource Information shall  
8 place any such natural resource information so obtained in the  
9 public library, the confidential library, or the secret library  
10 of the National Resource Information System.”.

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12 SEC. 703. (a) Section 3504 of title 44, United States  
13 Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following  
14 sentence: “Whenever the information for which any agency  
15 has a need is natural resource information, as defined in the  
16 National Resource Information Act, the Director shall (un-  
17 less there be an express waiver of this sentence by the Di-  
18 rector of National Resource Information) designate the Bu-  
19 reau of National Resource Information as the collecting  
20 agency, but the collecting program shall be developed by the  
21 Director of National Resource Information in consultation  
22 and cooperation with such other agency or agencies as have  
23 a need for and interest in the information.”.

24 (b) Section 3506 of title 44, United States Code, is  
25 amended by striking the period at the end of the section

1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “: *Provided*,  
2 That nothing in this section shall be construed to empower  
3 the Director to prevent or unreasonably delay any agency  
4 from collecting any information which it has been expressly  
5 directed to collect by an Act, joint resolution, or concurrent  
6 resolution of Congress.”.

7 (c) Section 3508 of title 44, United States Code, is  
8 amended by adding at the end of subsection (a) a new  
9 sentence, as follows: “Nothing in this section shall be  
10 construed to prevent the Director of National Resource In-  
11 formation from transferring any natural resource information  
12 he has received from an agency, pursuant to this chapter or  
13 the National Resource Information Act, from the secret li-  
14 brary to the confidential library, or from the confidential li-  
15 brary to the public library of the National Resource Infor-  
16 mation System, if such transfer is made in accordance with  
17 the provisions of the National Resource Information Act, and  
18 all information so transferred may be released or disclosed in  
19 accordance with that Act.”.

20 (d) Section 3509 of title 44, United States Code, is  
21 amended—

22 (1) by inserting “(a)” at the beginning of the  
23 section; and

24 (2) by adding at the end of the section a new  
25 subsection, as follows:

1       “(b) The Director shall not disapprove, nor for an  
2 unreasonably long time withhold his approval from, any  
3 proposed collection of information that has been submitted  
4 to him pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, if the  
5 agency making such proposal has done so pursuant to an  
6 Act of Congress. Where such Act imposes an express time  
7 deadline on an agency for the collection of information,  
8 the Director shall approve such agency’s proposal in suffi-  
9 cient time to permit compliance with such deadline.”.

10                   TITLE VIII—MISCELLANEOUS

11                               SEPARABILITY

12       SEC. 801. If any provision of this Act or the applicability  
13 thereof is held invalid the remainder of this Act shall not be  
14 affected thereby.

15                               AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

16       SEC. 802. There are authorized to be appropriated to  
17 the Department of Commerce and the Department of the  
18 Interior such amounts as may be requisite to full and effi-  
19 cient performance of the duties imposed upon such Depart-  
20 ments by this Act.

21                               EFFECTIVE DATES

22       SEC. 803. Titles IV and V of this Act shall be effective  
23 on the first day of the third full calendar month following  
24 the date of enactment. The remainder of this Act shall be  
25 effective on the date of enactment.

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